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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims (deleted text being struck through and added text being underlined):

1. (Currently Amended) A movable wrench handle assembly comprising:

a wrench having a pair of end portions and a medial portion extending between said end portions;

a handle member coupled to said wrench such that said handle member is slidable along said medial portion;

locking means for holding said handle member in a position adjacent to a selectable one of said end portions of said wrench;

wherein said locking means comprises:

a plurality of indentations in said medial portion of said wrench;

a locking member extendably coupled to said handle member;

and

biasing means for urging said locking member outwardly from said handle member such that said locking member engages a selectable one of said indentations for holding said handle member adjacent to a selected one of said end portions.

2. through 3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently Amended) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim [[[3]]] 1 wherein said locking member has a convex surface for abutting a complimentary surface of a selected indentation whereby said locking member is slidable along said medial portion of said wrench upon application of lateral force in excess of a threshold frictional force between said locking member and said selected indentation.

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5. (Currently Amended) The A movable wrench handle assembly of claim ~~3~~ comprising:

a wrench having a pair of end portions and a medial portion extending between said end portions;

a handle member coupled to said wrench such that said handle member is slidable along said medial portion;

locking means for holding said handle member in a position adjacent to a selectable one of said end portions of said wrench;

wherein said locking means comprises:

a plurality of indentations in said medial portion of said wrench, said indentations being arranged into oppositional indentation pairs, each oppositional indentation pair being positioned adjacent to an associated one of said end portions;

a pair of locking members, each locking member being extendably coupled to said handle member, said locking members being oppositionally positioned for engaging a selectable oppositional indentation pair; and

biasing means for urging each said locking member outwardly from said handle member such that said pair of locking members engage a selectable one of said oppositional indentation pairs for holding said handle member adjacent to a selected one of said end portions.

6. (Original) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 1 wherein one of said end portions forms an open-ended wrench coupler.

7. (Original) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 1 wherein one of said end portions forms a box-ended wrench coupler.

8. (Original) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 1 wherein a first one of said end portions forms an open-ended wrench coupler and a second one of said end portions forms a box-ended wrench coupler.

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9. (Original) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 1 wherein said handle member further comprises:

a pair of raised end lips such that said handle member is adapted for inhibiting slipping of a hand grasping said handle member.

10. (Original) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 1 wherein said medial portion of said wrench has a non-circular cross-section; and

wherein said handle member includes a bore extending therethrough for receiving said medial portion, said bore having a complimentary non-circular cross-section for inhibiting rotation of said handle member around said medial portion during use.

11. (Original) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 10 wherein said non-circular cross section of said medial portion is rectangular.

12. (Currently Amended) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim [[[3]]] 1 wherein said biasing means is a spring.

13. (New) A movable wrench handle assembly comprising:

a wrench having a pair of end portions and a medial portion extending between said end portions;

a handle member coupled to said wrench such that said handle member is slidable along said medial portion;

a locking assembly configured to hold said handle member in a position adjacent to a selectable one of said end portions of said wrench;

wherein said locking assembly comprises:

a plurality of indentations in said medial portion of said wrench;

a locking member extendably coupled to said handle member;

and

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a biasing assembly configured to urge said locking member outwardly from said handle member such that said locking member engages a selectable one of said indentations for holding said handle member adjacent to a selected one of said end portions.

14. (New) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 13 wherein said locking member has a convex surface for abutting a complimentary surface of a selected indentation whereby said locking member is slidable along said medial portion of said wrench upon application of lateral force in excess of a threshold frictional force between said locking member and said selected indentation.

15. (New) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 13 wherein one of said end portions forms an open-ended wrench coupler.

16. (New) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 13 wherein one of said end portions forms a box-ended wrench coupler.

17. (New) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 13 wherein a first one of said end portions forms an open-ended wrench coupler and a second one of said end portions forms a box-ended wrench coupler.

18. (New) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 13 wherein said handle member further comprises a pair of raised end lips such that said handle member is adapted for inhibiting slipping of a hand grasping said handle member.

19. (New) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 13 wherein said medial portion of said wrench has a non-circular cross-section; and wherein said handle member includes a bore extending therethrough for receiving said medial portion, said bore having a complimentary non-circular cross-section for inhibiting rotation of said handle member around said medial portion during use.

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20. (New) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 19 wherein said non-circular cross section of said medial portion is rectangular.

22. (New) The movable wrench handle assembly of claim 13 wherein said biasing assembly is a spring.